

The Inspector General Information Railroad Keeping you on Track



Back to School Safety

Within the next few weeks most of the children in our area will start the new school year. The anxiety of both parents and children increases, but so the chance for accidents. We wanted to share with you some tips to ensure a safe transition to the new school year.

Vehicle Drivers

- When backing out of the driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- Be alert in neighborhoods near school zones for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but not thinking of getting their safely.
- Slow down a<mark>n</mark>d watch fo<mark>r c</mark>hil<mark>dr</mark>en w<mark>alking in the street,</mark> especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- Ensure you are aware of school zone speed limits while classes are in session (Fort Sill is 15 mph).
- Be cautious of children arriving late for the bus as they may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

Children

- If you have to cross the street, use crosswalks and ensure the bus driver can see you & that you can see the bus driver.
- If yo<mark>u drop something near</mark> the bus, <mark>tell the driver. Never try to pick it up, because the driver may not be able to see you.</mark>

Parents

- If your children are walking, plan the route your children will take. Keep it as simple as possible and do a dry run with the kids so that they are comfortable with the route.
- Teach your kids that bicycles have rules to follow just like cars. Over 100 children were killed last year while riding a bicycle to school.
- With today's technology, kids must know more phone numbers than ever before. A good idea is to take a business card and type the important numbers on it and have it laminated.

School Start Dates:

6 August: Cache Public Schools

11 August: St. Mary's

13 August: Elgin Public Schools

14 August: Fletcher & Marlow Public Schools

19 August: Geronimo & Walters Public Schools

15 August: Lawton Public Schools

18 August: Sterling Public Schools

20 August: Chickasha & Duncan Public Schools

25 August: Burkburnett &

Wichita Falls Public Schools

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